

# SENATE . . . . . No. 352

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Joan M. Menard**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act regulating campaign contributions.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Joan M. Menard	First Bristol and Plymouth
Joyce A. Spiliotis	12th Essex
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Bill Bowles	2nd Bristol
Paul J. Donato	35th Middlesex
Katherine Clark	32nd Middlesex
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Lida E. Harkins	13th Norfolk
John P. Fresolo	16th Worcester
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00451 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT REGULATING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 13 of chapter 55, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by striking the first sentence thereof and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following:- No person employed for compensation, other than an elected officer, by the  
4 commonwealth or any county, city or town shall directly or indirectly solicit or receive any gift,  
5 payment, contribution, assessment, subscription or promise of money or other thing of value for  
6 the political campaign purposes of any candidate for public office or of any political committee,  
7 or for any political purpose whatever, provided, however, that such persons may be members of  
8 political organizations or committees and may solicit or receive contributions for a political  
9 committee not organized on behalf of an individual candidate from persons other than other  
10 public employees when such persons supervise and persons doing business with the  
11 commonwealth or any city or town; and further provided that the solicitation and receipt of  
12 contributions by and from public employees shall not take place while either the public employee

13 soliciting or receiving a contribution or any public employee from whom such a contribution is  
14 solicited or received is on duty.

15         SECTION 2. Section fifteen of chapter fifty-five, as appearing in the 1996 Official  
16 Edition, is hereby amended by striking the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
17 following:- Except as provided in section thirteen, no officer, clerk, or other person in the  
18 service of the commonwealth or of any county, city or town shall, directly or indirectly, give or  
19 deliver to an officer, clerk or person in said service, or to any councillor, member of the general  
20 court, alderman, councilman or commissioner, any money or other valuable thing on account of,  
21 or to be applied to, the promotion of any political object whatever.